
Title: Song of Valor

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Here is a riddle cast in
steel:

Tell: which one hath
more of strength --

The well-armed
knight in grand
parade?

Or the shepherdess
who bides at length?

She doth! For the
night is long,

And full o' wolves,
and dark and deep!

While he, though
armed and armor-clad
Doth naught of worth
but strut a street.

For Valor's not of
metal made,

But tests the mettle of
the heart.

And seeketh not the
strongest arm,
But one who'll bear the
greatest part.

More than
shimm'ring shining
blades,

More than shields, all
great and strong --

Instead, an e'er
unyielding will:

So is sung true Valor's
song.